# MINUTES OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION HELD ON THURSDAY JUNE 16, 2014 AT 5:30 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MAYOR:

Alfonso E. Ortiz, Jr.

COUNCILORS:

Tonita Gurule-Giroń

Vince Howell Joev Herrera David L. Romero

ALSO PRESENT: Elmer Martinez, Acting City Manager

Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk Dave Romero, City Attorney Juan Montano, Sergeant at Arms

**CALL TO ORDER** 

**ROLL CALL** 

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

## MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Ortiz Jr. asked for a moment of silence in appreciation of life and asked for blessings and prayers to the family of Arsenio Lujan who passed away a few days earlier.

## APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilor Howell made a motion to approve the agenda as is. Councilor Romero seconded the motion.

Mayor Ortiz Jr. asked for a roll call. Roll call was taken and reflected the following.

Joey Herrera Yes Tonita Gurule-Giron Yes

Vince Howell Yes David L. Romero Yes City Clerk Casandra Fresquez re-read the motion and advised the motion carried.

#### MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Ortiz Jr. advised he had not appointments at this time.

### MAYOR'S RECOGNITION/PROCLAMATION

Mayor Ortiz Jr. wanted to acknowledge the issues the community faces and thanks the governing body for working together to move the City ahead in a very positive way.

#### **PRESENTATIONS**

Fire Chief Phillip Mares first advised the governing body of the number of casualties of Fire Fighters over the last two years. Fire Chief Mares presented to the governing body the new Personal Protective Equipment for the Fire Department personnel and explained what the purpose of each item and the cost for the equipment. Fire Chief Mares also stressed the importance of personnel safety and the need to replace items as they become worn and less effective. Fire Chief Mares also advised that each set of equipment is fitted for each Fire Fighter. Discussion and questions took place regarding the cost and the equipment.

#### **PUBLIC INPUT**

Ralph Gallegos spoke to the governing body about the YCC Grant the City applied for and received \$120,000. Mr. Gallegos encouraged the City to not give up the Grant as 70% of the grant goes for youth salaries. Mr. Gallegos stressed the importance of teaching the youth of the community hard work.

## CITY MANAGER'S INFORMATIONAL REPORT

Acting City Manager Martinez advised he has met with the departments and is informing himself of the projects that the departments have. Acting City Manager Martinez is also meeting with community on their concerns and making sure to follow up with all concerns. Acting City Manager Martinez advised the goal is to continue unity and promote a positive City service.

#### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

1. Out of State travel for three Fire Department personnel.

Fire Chief Mares advised that three Fire Department personnel would like to attend the International Association for Fire Chief's (IAFC's) Annual Conference

in Dallas, Texas. This conference covers leadership components that are essential for success and covers many roles and responsibilities of company officers from tactical to strategic.

Questions and discussion took place regarding travel cost and the benefit to the staff.

The governing body agreed to place the item as a consent agenda item.

2. Resolution 14-38 imposing restrictions on the sale or use of fireworks within the City limits.

Fire Chief Mares advised the resolution is proclaiming hazardous fire conditions and severe drought conditions in the City of Las Vegas that endanger the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; imposing restrictions on the sale or use of fireworks within the City of Las Vegas. Fire Chief Mares advised Governor Martinez sent a letter to all municipalities of New Mexico asking them to impose restrictions reading the sale and use of fireworks due to drought conditions of the state; Governor Martinez does not have the authority to ban the use or sale of fireworks. Fire Chief Mares advised the City of Las Vegas already has an ordinance that imposes restrictions of the use and sale of fireworks and the resolution is reinforcement to the community of the restrictions.

Questions and discussion took place regarding fireworks and fireworks sale.

City Attorney Dave Romero advised the resolution presented is similar to past resolutions that have been passed during drought conditions.

Discussion took place on the fireworks that are illegal.

The governing body agreed to place the item as a consent agenda item.

3. Recommendations to utilize funding through the Department of Finance and Administration for the E-911 system for the Las Vegas Police Department and Department of Public Safety District 2.

Commander Juan Montano advised the Police department is requesting approval to utilize funding in the amount of \$331,700.00 to operate the E-911 system for the Las Vegas Police Department and Department of Public Safety District 2.

Questions and discussion place regarding the funding match provided by the City.

The governing body agreed to place the item as a consent agenda item.

4. Recommendation to apply for funding through the Department of Justice for the Las Vegas Police Department and San Miguel County Sheriff's Office.

Commander Montano advised the Police Department is requesting approval to apply for funding in the amount of \$14,332.00 to send officers to advanced defensive tactics training and purchase laptops for San Miguel Sherriff's Office. This funding is jointly being applied for by the Police Department and the Sheriff's Office. Commander Montano advised the department is requesting to send three officers to become certified in defensive tactics and be able to train other officers. Commander Montano explained the cost of the training and the cost of the laptops for the Sheriff's Office.

The governing body agreed to place the item as a consent agenda item.

5. Award Bid No. 2014-24 for Employee Uniforms and Work Shoes to Popular Dry Goods.

Utilities Director Ken Garcia advised as per AFSCME contract 2494-12, the City of Las Vegas is to provide a complete set of uniforms to union employees. The Utilities Department solicited bids for employee uniforms and shoes. Popular Dry Goods was the sole bidder and will be used by all City Departments for the purchase of uniforms and work shoes. Utilities Director Garcia advised the correct cost were not included in the packet provided to the governing body and requested that the item not be placed as a consent agenda item so that the correct amount can be provided at the regular meeting.

Questions were asked about the cost and replacement cost of the uniforms and if the amounts were budgeted for in department line items.

6. Resolution 14-35 to submit an application for funding assistance and a proposal to the New Mexico State Forestry Division for the purpose of restoring the watershed.

Utilities Director Garcia advised the resolution will allow the City of Las Vegas to submit their application to the NM State Forestry Division for watershed restoration to improve the health and safety of the Gallinas watershed. The city will not incur any costs for this project. The application and proposal are being submitted on behalf of the City by the NM State Forestry Division.

Questions and discussion took place regarding the watershed.

The governing body agreed to place the item as a consent agenda item.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

No need for Executive Session

Councilor Howell asked if a meeting will be set in the near future to discuss the next plans for the City.

Acting City Manager Martinez advised he is meeting with department Directors and getting information on all projects that are ongoing and will continue to move forward on projects as well as working on a retreat to being the ICIP and listing priorities for the upcoming year.

Questions and discussion took place regarding the 4<sup>th</sup> of July fiestas.

Councilor Howell made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Gurule-Giroń seconded the motion.

Mayor Ortiz Jr. asked for a roll call. Roll call was taken and reflected the following.

David L. Romero Yes Vince Howell Yes Joey Herrera Tonita Gurule-Giroń Yes Yes

City Clerk Casandra Fresquez re-read the motion and advised the motion carried.

**ADJOURN** 

Mayor Alfonso E. Ortiz, Jr.

Casandra Fresquez, City Cler